

26 EV charging stns on 4 e-ways

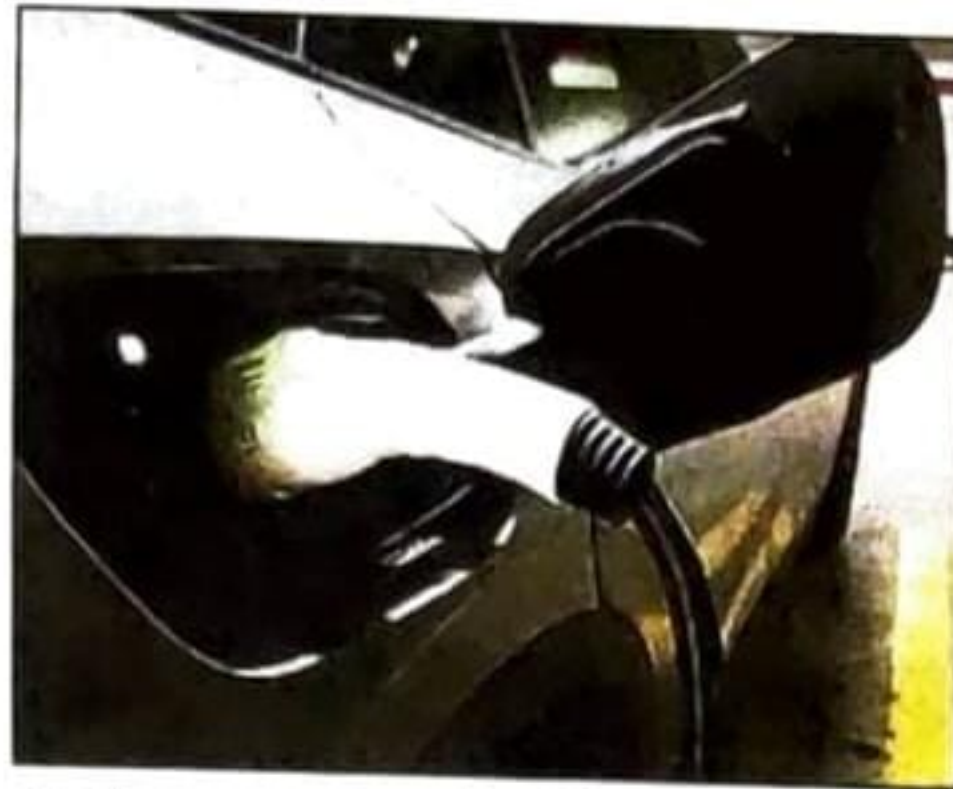
Detailed Plan Presented To UP CM Yogi

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Lucknow: To cater to needs of electric vehicle users, the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has prepared a comprehensive plan to build 26 EV charging stations on four key expressways of the state.

The list includes Bundelkhand, Purvanchal, Agra-Lucknow and Gorakhpur Link expressways. The state government also intends to introduce other passenger facilities along these expressways.

Confirming this, an of-



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official spokesperson said: "A detailed project plan related to this has been presented to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath by the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA). The agency has proposed to engage a private player on Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer (DBFOT) model." He added that the Yogi government will provide 2,000 square feet area

to every station on 10-year lease. The charging point operator will be required to install fast chargers for two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers and e-buses.

While adherence to government safety norms would be mandatory, the charging stations must be operational within 180 days of acquiring the land. After five years of setting up a charging station, the government will receive 5% of the gross revenue of each charging station from the sixth year onwards.

Earlier, UPEIDA also floated an express of interest on the count. In the subsequent pre-bid meeting, 11 companies including Reliance, GMR Energy, Adani Total Energy, Belectric, Light Zip Technology, EV Plugs, Siemens Limited, Cash and Drive, AM&CE E

Mobilit, AmpVolts and Razz and Shine came forward to construct public charging stations.

UPEIDA officials revealed that the charging stations will have basic amenities as well. The list includes parking spaces for cars, buses, and trucks, outlets for food and beverages, dhabas, ATMs, free basic medical and first aid facilities, small repair shops, purified drinking water, toilet and restroom facilities, budget hotels, separate facilities for trucks, warehouses, and auto workshops.

Additionally, landscaping, rainwater harvesting and high-mast lights will be installed. In the future, the facility of a banquet hall and wedding hall may also be provided. All these amenities will be provided within a single complex.